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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

IN RE:

DEBRA DODGE FEASTER CURRY, L.P.N.  
8 Indian Neck Avenue  
Branford, Connecticut 06405

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Board of Examiners for Nursing was presented by the Department of Health Services with a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges dated January 25, 1983.

The Statement of Charges alleged violations of certain provisions of Chapter 378, Connecticut General Statutes. The Notice of Hearing provided that the hearing would take place on February 10, 1983, in the Department of Health Services, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Each member of the Board of Examiners for Nursing involved in this decision attests that he/she has reviewed the record and that this decision is based entirely on the record.

FACTS

1. Debra Dodge Feaster Curry, respondent, was at all pertinent times licensed to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Connecticut, with registration number E-14271.
2. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 4-162(c), the respondent was provided a full opportunity prior to the institution of agency action to show compliance with all the terms for the retention of her license.

3. While employed as a licensed practical nurse at West Haven Manor, West Haven, Connecticut, the respondent:

a. on or about October 23, 1981, declared in the Controlled Substance Disposition Record for patient Robert Crouther that she had destroyed a Percocet tablet, although the alleged destruction of said tablet had not been witnessed by an authorized person in accordance with § 19-496-9(g) of State Regulations; and

b. on or about November 11, 1981, tampered with a vial of Demerol Injectable, 50 mgm/cc (Lot No. M117UC), properly labeled for patient Grace Belcher, and adulterated the contents of said vial, thereby reducing the strength thereof from 50 mgm/cc to 2.35 mgm/cc.

c. on or about November 11, 1981, declared in the Daily Report for Census 29 Wing B, that she had discarded an unspecified quality of Benadryl Elixir, when in fact she had taken said Benadryl Elixir home for her own use.

4. The activities referenced in paragraph 3 above, were discovered by Drug Control Agent William P. Cadwell during an investigation conducted during November, 1981.

#### DISCUSSION

##### FIRST COUNT

5. The First Count alleges that the respondent violated the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-99(b) by failing to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession in that

she declared in the Controlled Substance Disposition Record that she had destroyed a Percocet tablet, although the alleged destruction of said tablet had not been witnessed by an authorized person in accordance with § 19-496-9(g) of State Regulations.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated § 20-99(b) as specified in the First Count.

#### SECOND COUNT

6. The Second Count alleges that the respondent violated the provisions of § 20-99(b) by tampering with a vial of Demerol Injectable, 50 mgm/cc (Lot No. M117UC).

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated § 20-99(b) as specified in the Second Count.

#### THIRD COUNT

7. The Third Count alleges that the respondent violated the provisions of § 20-99(b) by declaring in the Daily Report for Census 29, Wing B, that she had discarded an unspecified quantity of Benadryl Elixir, when in fact she had taken said Benadryl Elixir home for her own use.

The inescapable conclusion to draw from the facts found by the Board is that the respondent has violated § 20-99(b) as specified in the Third Count.

ORDER

8. It is the unanimous decision of the Board of Examiners for Nursing that:

- a. The license of the respondent be suspended for a minimum period of two years and three months determined as follows:
  - i. as to the First Count, suspension for one year;
  - ii. as to the Second Count, suspension for one year;
  - iii. as to the Third Count, suspension for three months.
- b. The suspensions specified in (a) above will run consecutively from the date of this decision.

9. The respondent, Debra Dodge Feaster Curry is hereby directed to surrender her license and current registration to the Board of Examiners for Nursing, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 upon receipt of this decision.

10. The Board of Examiners for Nursing herewith advises the Department of Health Services of the State of Connecticut of this decision and directs that the registration license of Debra Dodge Feaster Curry be suspended in accordance herewith.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1983.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

BY: Bette Jane M. Murphy RW  
BETTE JANE M. MURPHY, R.N.  
Chairman